

Human Relations Commission Agenda

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General Order of Business

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| 1. Secretary Check for Quorum | 6. Written Communications | 11. Commission Referrals |
| 2. Call to order – 7:15 p.m. | 7. Announcements | 12. Commission Reports |
| 3. Roll call | 8. Consent Items | 13. Staff Reports |
| 4. Approval of Minutes | 9. Old Business | 14. Referral to Staff |
| 5. Oral Communications | 10. New Business | 15. Adjournment |

Order of Discussion

Generally, the order of discussion after introduction of an item by the Chair will include comments and information by staff followed by Human Relations Commissions questions, inquiries or discussion. The applicant, authorized representative, or interested citizens may then speak on the item. At the close of public discussion, the item will be considered by the Commission and action taken.

Oral Communications

Any person desiring to speak on a matter which is not scheduled on this agenda may do so under Oral Communications. The Human Relations Commission will take no action on an item which does not appear on the agenda. The item will be agendized for the next regular meeting or at a special meeting called in accordance with the terms of the Brown Act. The Human Relations Commission may establish time limits of presentations.

Information

Regular scheduled meetings of the Human Relations Commission are conducted at 3300 Capitol Avenue in City Council Chambers. Meetings are held at 7:15 on the third Monday of the month. Meetings may be tape recorded at the discretion of the Chair.

Copies of the Agenda are available at the Human Services Department at 3300 Capitol Avenue three days preceding the regularly scheduled meeting.

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Information about the City or items scheduled on the Agenda may be referred to:

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Human Relations Commission

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Mission Statement

The City of Fremont's Human Relations Commission promotes and helps create a community environment in which all men, women and children, regardless of race, religion, national origin, gender, disability or sexual orientation, may live, learn, work and play in harmony.

AGENDA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2013
TRAINING ROOM
3300 CAPITOL AVE., BUILDING B
FREMONT, CALIFORNIA
7:15 P.M.

1. **SECRETARY CALL FOR QUORUM**
2. **CALL TO ORDER**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of May 20, 2013
5. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**
6. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**
7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
8. **CONSENT ITEMS** (Routine items requiring no discussion; any Commissioner or member of the public can ask for a consent item to be moved to the regular agenda to allow for discussion)
9. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - 9.1 Asian and Pacific Islander (API) Family Pride

BACKGROUND: At the May HRC meeting, Belinda Dronkers-Laureta , Director of API Family Pride, spoke to the Commission about sponsoring the 9th Annual Banquet that was held on June 15, 2013. The Commission agreed to place an ad in their brochure for the event. The commission also expressed interest in supporting API Family Pride's Wall of Pride Exhibit coming to Fremont. The exhibit is a series of 20''x 30'' display boards of API parents and families who have supported their LGBT children. The exhibit is often accompanied by a workshop or panel discussion. The wall has been exhibited at several locations, including Oakland's City Hall, and three Fremont High Schools (Washington, Kennedy and Irvington). Two Irvington High School students may be available to present this project as part of a Quest project. Additional information about the exhibit can be found at:
<http://www.apifamilypride.org/programs/wall-of-pride>

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss the possibility of supporting a Wall of Pride Exhibit in Fremont.

9.2 HRC Work Plan

BACKGROUND: The HRC has developed a 2012-2013 work plan to assist it in organizing its committees, tasks and events through the 2013 calendar year and has requested staff include the work plan as a standing item on the agenda.

Enclosure: 9.2.1 Work Plan

RECOMMENDATION: Review work plan

9.3 Human Relations Award

BACKGROUND: The HRC has developed an award to recognize individuals who have made outstanding voluntary contributions for the common good and/or sustainable change in the community and who serve the community with distinction in the pursuit of equality, justice, and human rights for all citizens.

The work associated with this year's award has been assigned to the Community Outreach Committee (Campbell, Vuppala, Dhami). The award has been publicized in the Human Services Department's inaugural newsletter which was distributed on Monday, April 1, 2013. Vice Chair Vuppala has agreed to update the flier and send to staff.

As of the May meeting, the following nominated judges had accepted:

Nominee	Accepted
Jim Morrison	
Marty Fraga	
Moina Shaig	
Toni Shellen	
Henry Hutchins	
Ripple Leung	Yes
Sister Diane McGuire	Yes

The Committee must continue to advertise the award and possibly extend the deadline; contact the remaining nominees for community judges; and host a celebration of the awardees, which will include recognition by the City Council. Staff has contacted Bill Marshak and he has agreed to continue as the award's media sponsor.

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss advertising and applicant response; and receive update on the judging Nominees availability or willingness to participate.

9.4 Tri-City Brady Campaign

BACKGROUND: On May 20, 2013, Toni Shellen of TriCity Brady, the local chapter of the Brady Campaign, requested the HRC and/or City of Fremont send a letter of endorsement to the state legislature supporting nine bills, known as LIFE Act bills, intended to reduce gun violence.

Staff has forwarded these regulations to Chief Richard Lucero, for review. Chief Lucero will be available to provide some overview and some perspective from law enforcement regarding these bills.

As discussed on May 20th, these bills are not covered in the City's current legislative priorities. Taking legislative action falls within the purview of the City Council, therefore staff is recommending the Ms. Shellen's make her request directly to the Council.

ATTACHMENT: 9.4.1 Sample LIFE Act Support Letter
9.4.2 CA Senate LIFE ACT

RECOMMENDATION: Hear staff overview. Tri-City Brady Campaign to make request directly to the City Council

9.5 San Francisco Gay Pride Parade

BACKGROUND: The next San Francisco Pride Parade is scheduled for Sunday, June 30, 2013. The City's contingent is now fully registered and includes a 14 foot flatbed truck. Assembly Member Bob Wieckowski, Vice-Mayor Anu Natarajan, and Council Member Vinnie Bacon, have confirmed their attendance.

On Monday June 3rd, City staff held an initial parade planning meeting which was attended by six community members and three HRC Members (Watanuki, Vuppala and Dhami). Community members have taken the lead on design and construction.

Staff has scheduled a second planning meeting for Wednesday, June 19, 2013, at 6:30pm in the City's Training Room at City Hall.

Final building of the float will occur on Saturday June 29, 2013 from 8:00am to 4:00pm at the City's warehouse located at 37510 Dusterberry Way, Fremont, CA.

ATTACHMENT: 9.5.1 Timeline
9.5.2 Contingent Monitoring Training

RECOMMENDATION: Receive update on Pride Parade. Discuss which Commissioners are available to attend the June 19 planning meeting date and obtain commitments from Commissioners on attending the planning meeting, float build, and/or the parade itself.

10. **NEW BUSINESS** (Items on which the Commission has not yet had an agendaized discussion or taken action).

10.1 CAHRO Northern Regional Meeting

BACKGROUND: Ann Noel, a Board member from the California Association of Human Relations Organizations has emailed the Fremont HRC an update about a possible one-day Northern California regional summit. The summit is tentatively scheduled for a Friday in September 2013 and will be hosted by the San Francisco Human Rights Commission. Ms. Noel is requesting HRC's answer the following questions regarding the possible summit:

1. Which is the best day of the week in September to hold a one day summit? CAHRO is suggesting Friday as a good day, as people can then have the weekend to enjoy in the Bay Area.
2. What's the best day(s) in September? For example, if we pick a Friday, which Fridays are good for you: September 6, 13, 20, or 27?
3. What would you like to discuss? CAHRO has a few suggestions below, but is open to hearing other suggestions:
 - a. "We'd like everyone to have an opportunity to share with the others the work that you are doing in your HRC, the challenges that you've faced, your triumphs and disappointments. We think that we could all benefit greatly from hearing from each other."
 - b. "We'd also like to discuss with you our idea to work with California Endowment, discussed below. (We have a proposal that we are still in the early stages of developing to work on this issue.)"
 - c. "We'd like to discuss hosting the next statewide CAHRO conference in the Bay Area, so we want to talk about what that would entail."
 - d. "Your ideas about what projects CAHRO should work on."

ATTACHMENT 10.1 – Email letter from CAHRO

RECOMMENDATION: Commission to discuss and develop responses to the questions.

10.2 Joint Meeting with neighboring HRC's

BACKGROUND: Commissioners requested the HRC discuss the possibility of holding a joint meeting with the Union City or the Alameda County HRC.

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss Commission interest and possible months for joint meeting

10.3 Gun Violence Forum Discussion

BACKGROUND: Commissioners requested the HRC discuss the possibility of co-sponsoring a gun violence forum, similar to a forum recently sponsored by State Senator Ellen Corbett.

RECOMMENDATION: Discussion

10.4 FIA 3rd Annual Sports Day

BACKGROUND: Federation of Indo American Associations is hosting their 3rd annual Sports Day at Tak Fudenna Stadium on July 20, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION: Commission to consider a sponsorship and what that would entail.

11. **COMMISSION REFERRALS**

12. **STANDING AND ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS** (Oral reports on relevant meetings/events)

12.1 Social Service Agency Outreach Committee

BACKGROUND: A committee consisting of Commissioners Campbell and La, along with the rest of the Commission, works to:

- a. Review, evaluate and oversee the Social Service Grant Program
- c. Conduct workshops and/or forums which are beneficial to local non profits.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive committee update.

12.2 Events Committee

BACKGROUND: A Committee consisting of Chair Watanuki, Vice-Chair Vuppala, and Commissioners Dewan and Hoffman, works to coordinate HRC sponsored events, such as Make a Difference Day (MADD), the SF Pride Parade Float, and Film Screenings.

MADD is a city-wide day of volunteering to be held on October 26, 2013.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive staff update.

12.3 Community Outreach Committee

BACKGROUND: All Commissioners work to participate in community events that improve the visibility of the HRC and its role in the City.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive update on upcoming events.

12.4 HRC Award Committee

BACKGROUND: A committee consisting of Vice-Chair Vuppala and Commissioners Dhami and Campbell, works to sponsor an award to recognize individuals who have made outstanding voluntary contributions for the common good and/or sustainable change in the community.

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss under item 9.3

12.5 Friends of the HRC Committee

BACKGROUND: A committee consisting of Chair Watanuki and Commissioners Walsh and Smith works to partner with other organizations and represent the HRC on external working groups.

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee wishes to discuss possibility of meeting with Union City and Alameda County HRC's.

12.6 Other Commission Updates

13. STAFF REPORTS

13.1 Attendance Summary (**Attachment 13.1**)

13.2 Calendar (**Attachment 13.2**) of HRC regular/special meetings and events.

14. REFERRALS TO STAFF (this is for items referred by an individual Commissioner. A Commission vote in favor of an item here means it will be placed on a future Commission agenda as an item of new business. A vote against means it will be dropped without consideration).

15. ADJOURNMENT